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Tolerance

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I. Chapter 2, Finding Common Ground, by Tim Downs

Quotes:

“It isn’t wrong to think you’re right, but it isn’t right to think others are wrong!”
from a sign Tim Downs observed at NC State

“One good way to end a conversation – or start an argument – is to tell a group of well-educated professionals that you hold a political position (preferably a controversial one, such as being against abortion or pornography) because it is required by your understanding of God’s will. In the unlikely event that anyone hangs around to talk with you about it, the chances are that you will be challenged on the ground that you are intent on imposing your religious beliefs on other people. And in contemporary political and legal culture, nothing is worse.”

The Culture of Disbelief, by Stephen Carter, Professor at Yale University

“In our contemporary culture, Carter says, NOTHING is worse than an attempt to impose your religious beliefs on someone else.” Downs, p. 30

“Can a Christian be a Christian without being tolerant?” Downs, p. 31

“Can a Christian be a Christian and still be a good guy?” Downs, p. 31

“The message from our culture is growing louder: If the world is to become a true global village, if liberals and conservatives are to overcome their ideologies and work together, if our nation is to celebrate its rich cultural and ethnic diversity, then we must eliminate those things – and those teachings – that divide us. America can no longer afford to tolerate the intolerant. America can no longer afford the Gospel.” Downs p. 32

Scripture:

“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”

John 14:6

“She said “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said to her, “Neither do I condemn you; go and sin no more.”

John 8:11

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”

Galatians 3:28